

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re the Application of:	MATSUHIRA et al.	)	Group Art Unit:	1637
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Atty. File No.:	5426FP-1	)		
For:	METHOD OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID AND UTILIZATION THEREOF	)	<b><u>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE</u></b>	
		)	<i>Submitted Via Electronic Filing</i>	

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION of March 19, 2009**

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of March 19, 2009. Please enter the amendments as shown on the attached pages. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this response, but if fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.